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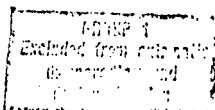
28 December 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Staff, OSA  
Deputy for Research & Development, OSA  
Comptroller, OSA  
Deputy for Materiel, OSA  
Deputy for Operations, OSA

SUBJECT: Security Concerning Decision for  
Termination of OXCART

1. As a result of the recent decision to terminate the OXCART program by January 1968, OSA must realign its thinking significantly. We have also been directed to maintain an OXCART operational capability through 1967 and, as already noted at this morning's staff meeting by Mr. Carl Duckett and myself, we must take immediate action along certain lines but make every attempt to protect security concerning the program and the Agency's methods of operation. Notifications and future discussions with contractors, support elements, etc., both within and without government, must be done discreetly and with forethought. We should keep in mind that there is only a slim chance circumstances may arise necessitating continuation of the program beyond the directed date. However, to comply with the spirit of the present decision, we will assume that the action is final and get on with our job of accommodating the decision both honorably and gracefully. Any further delays or argument on our part would only make our future actions more difficult.

2. You are enjoined to discuss our position with your own staff at all levels and to explain that all involved in this Agency who shared in providing the material and opinions from



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which a decision on OXCART could be made did so honestly and professionally. I would in turn ask that all in OSA accept the decision on OXCART without malice or disgruntlement.

3. Keep unnecessary discussion on this subject to an absolute minimum for the time being. Bring to the attention of the Chief, OSA Security, any discussions you become aware of on this subject extra to OSA or DDS&T.

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Acting Director of Special Activities

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